

**STATE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Summary – July 26, 2005**

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Steve Wamback called the meeting to order. Following introductions, the minutes from May's meeting were voted on and approved.

**SWAC Rules & Charter**

Cullen Stephenson and Steve Wamback are working on a new charter. They will ask SWAC members for their help

**Highlights of Status Report on Beyond Waste Implementation plus review of Beyond Waste funding at Ecology – Cheryl Smith**

An updated implementation status report was distributed before the meeting; Cheryl described a few of the projects, and answered questions from meeting participants about various projects. The status report is updated before each SWAC meeting and is available on the Beyond Waste website at [www.ecy.wa.gov/beyondwaste/](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/beyondwaste/)

The status report discussed at the SWAC meeting is attached.

SWAC members requested a briefing on legislative funding for Beyond Waste implementation. A table summarizing this information was distributed before the meeting. SWAC members asked questions about the FTEs and contract dollars appropriated for Beyond Waste implementation projects. The table includes only new appropriations. In addition to these, Ecology is investing a significant amount of staff resources for Beyond Waste. The summary table of new funding is attached.

**Beyond Waste Current System Paper – Cheryl Smith**

A subgroup of SWAC members (Steve Wamback, Gene Eckhardt, Art Starry, Angela Rae, Suellen Mele, Brad Lovaas) has been working with staff to redraft this background paper for the Beyond Waste Plan. A draft paper was distributed before the meeting for review. Steve Wamback opened the discussion with a short background of the paper, and a description of the subgroup's efforts. Cheryl Smith then provided a very brief overview of the redrafted paper, which contains no recommendations or conclusions. The purpose of the paper is to serve as an informational resource about how solid waste is managed in Washington today. SWAC members then offered several comments and revisions to the paper.

The SWAC voted unanimously to accept the paper, contingent upon the subgroup's revisions. The paper will be finalized by the subgroup, and then will become part of the Beyond Waste final plan.

The draft paper discussed at the SWAC meeting is attached.

**Beyond Waste Performance Indicators – Cheryl Smith**

A team of Ecology solid waste and hazardous waste staff has been researching potential performance indicators to measure progress on Beyond Waste implementation. Specific indicators will be proposed for each of the plan's major areas of recommendations. Those indicators will be used to assess progress, and a Beyond Waste report will be published beginning in 2006.

A summary of the draft performance indicators being considered and the project schedule was distributed to SWAC members before the meeting. The summary is attached. Cheryl provided some background on the project, and then asked for comments on the potential indicators. Many questions were raised, and several comments and suggestions were made. In addition to specific comments, the general suggestions included selecting indicators targeted for specific audiences; issuing the progress report every other year instead of trying to get it done annually; and including both qualitative and quantitative measures;

The Ecology staff team will continue to research the performance indicators, and will consider the comments made at the meeting. When the potential performance indicators have been redrafted, another SWAC discussion will be held.

### **CPG Update – Kristen Dorwin and Cullen Stephenson**

In the final moments of the 2005 legislative session, the CPG budget was cut by eight million dollars compared to the former appropriation. Ecology has worked with our grant recipients to craft short-term and longer-term strategies. In the short term, we will revise the “per-county” allotment to make small county programs viable. This places a short-term burden on larger counties, who will not be getting as much as usual. We hope to make this up in the supplemental session. LTCA revenues are very strong, and there should be sufficient fund balance to make up this budgetary oversight. The request is at the top of the list for Ecology’s toxics budget strategy.

### **Soils Rule Status – Cullen Stephenson**

We went back to the old 304 standards. Mike Hibbler of Ecology’s Eastern Regional Office is working on this, along with Wayne Krafft. We are looking for a simple way to maximize the benefit on this effort, while keeping opposition low. Several SWAC members will be asked to help when we pull together this rule effort. We will keep the entire SWAC posted on our progress.

### **Roundtable**

Lorie Hewitt: Working on implementing 2 bills—1) Tire Bill (HB2085): The consulting firm g-logics has been hired to do a Waste Tire study including locating tire piles for cleanup. A letter went out to local governments notifying them that g-logics may contact them. The Report is due to the legislature on Nov, 15, 2005. 2) Recycling bill (SB5788): Randy Martin and Gretchen Newman are developing transporter registration and recycler notification forms and designing outreach materials.

Suellen Mele – WCRC received a grant and is working on a pilot project which involves collecting spent pharmaceuticals and disposing them properly.

Steve Wamback – An article in the Tribune talked about the City of Tacoma restoring its Waste to Energy Facility. The City Council will hold public meetings to pick an appropriate location.

Attendees:

Domenic Calabro	Doug LeMay
Ken Colling	Norm LeMay
Linda Dennis	Chris Luboff
Kristen Dorwin	Jim Matsuyama
Pat Dunn	Suellen Mele
Dennis Durbin	Angela Rae
Gene Eckhardt	Bob Schille
Helen Fox	Jim Sells
Bob Gee	Jerry Smedes
Rob Guttridge	Cheryl Smith
Dennis Hein	Cullen Stephenson
Lorie Hewitt	Steve Wamback
Pete Keller	Eddie Westmoreland
Teresa Koppang	
Dean Large	